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REMARKS

The July 3, 2007, Office action rejected claims 1, 4, 6-11, and 13-16. To expedite prosecution of this case, this Amendment and Response amends claim 1, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the original claims in co-pending applications. Support for the amendment may be found in the originally filed specification, claims and figures; no new matter has been introduced. After entry of this amendment, claims 1, 4, 6-11, and 13-16 remain pending in the application including 1 independent claim. In view of the amendments and remarks presented in this paper, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §103

In the July 3, 2007, Office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 6, and 13 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishida (EP 0691471) in view of Braun (WO 02/055869). In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 7-11 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishida and Braun in further view of Koenigsweiser (U.S. Patent no. 5,413,076). The Examiner also rejected claim 14 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishida and Braun in further view of Burgler (DE 4118237). Finally, the Examiner rejected claims 15-16 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishida and Braun in further view of Mahr (U.S. Patent no. 6,536,416). For the following reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to emphasize that, in the claimed invention, fuel from the accumulator volume is supplied through a high pressure supply line and a non-return valve directly to the delivery passage of each fuel injector. Applicant has also amended claim 1 to emphasize that, in the claimed invention, the intensifier control valve has a first operating position, in which the accumulator volume communicates with the pressure control chamber via the supply passage and the non-return valve such that operation of the intensifier arrangement is prevented and fuel is supplied to the injector at the first injectable pressure level, and a second operating position, in which the pressure control chamber communicates with a low pressure drain, and communication between the accumulator volume and the pressure control chamber is prevented, such that the

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intensifier arrangement operates to supply fuel to the injector at the second injectable pressure level. These amendments find full support in the originally filed claims, specification, or drawings.

Neither Ishida, Braun, Koenigsweiser, Burgler, Mahr nor any other prior art reference, alone or in combination, discloses a fuel injection system wherein fuel from the accumulator volume is supplied through a high pressure supply line and a non-return valve directly to the delivery passage of each fuel injector and wherein the intensifier control valve has a first operating position, in which the accumulator volume communicates with the pressure control chamber via the supply passage and the non-return valve such that operation of the intensifier arrangement is prevented and fuel is supplied to the injector at the first injectable pressure level, and a second operating position, in which the pressure control chamber communicates with a low pressure drain, and communication between the accumulator volume and the pressure control chamber is prevented, such that the intensifier arrangement operates to supply fuel to the injector at the second injectable pressure level.

For example, in Ishida, fuel from the accumulator volume is supplied into the pressurization chamber 109 through passage 121, which is cut off by the end of the intensifier piston 101b. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, as amended, is allowable. Since claims 4, 6-11, and 13-16 variously depend from amended claim 1, claims 4, 6-11, and 13-16 are also allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections of claims 1, 4, 6-11, and 13-16 are requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 4, 6-11, and 13-16. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and allow claims 1, 4, 6-11, and 13-16 and pass the case to issue. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that further amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Please charge any necessary fees, including any extension of time, or any other fee deficiencies to Delphi Technologies, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

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